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Remarks

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3, and 5-7 stand objected to because of informalities. These claims have been amended herein to address the Examiner's concerns. As such, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

II. DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 8, 18, 19, 26 and 36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,101.

To expedite prosecution without narrowing the scope of protection, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321 concurrently herewith. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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**III. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-663-1100.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment other than one month extension fee. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. MES1P046C1).

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